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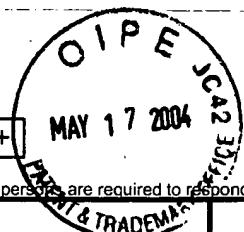
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U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0139618, published on October 3, 2002 to Anibas, describes a device for maintaining parallelism between a base structure and a movable structure. There is provided opposed pairs of pivoting arms which are synchronized by a timing device which links an arm with the arm opposite to it and ensures that these arms move the same distance but in opposite directions.

U.S. Patent No. 6,364,060, issued on April 2, 2002 to Cherry, describes another type of low profile lift assembly. This apparatus has lift platform which accommodates a manufactured product on a support surface and elevationally lifts the manufactured product to a vertical level or elevation. The apparatus also has a base adapted to rest on the floor with the lift platform interconnected to the base for movement between the raised and lowered positions.

U.S. Patent No. 5,395,209, issued on March 7, 1995 to Busse et al., describes palletizer having a scissor lift assembly for moving the supporting member relative to the base. A motor has an output shaft which is connected to the scissor structure such that the supporting member moves upwardly at a generally constant velocity in response to the rotation of the output shaft.

U.S. Patent No. 5,366,203, issued on November 22, 1994 to Huffman, describes a lift mechanism with a scissor-like stabilizer mechanism.

U.S. Patent No. 4,534,544, issued on August 13, 1985 to Heide, describes a lift having a platform and a scissors jack that is attached to the bottom of the platform. One pair of the parallel scissoring legs of the jack is firmly articulated with the platform and the other pair of the

scissoring legs is attached to a shaft that travels parallel to the bottom of the platform. Roller are mounted on a rigid axle and the axle is engaged by two chains that wrap around the chain wheels rigidly attached to the shaft and which are connected to a transverse beam.

U.S. Patent No. 4,391,345, issued on July 5, 1983 to Paul, describes an elevatable scaffold. The lift assembly includes a series of elongated structural assemblies each pivoted at one end and the middle thereof to some other structural assembly in the series. A cable passes substantially parallel with some of the structural assemblies and between the ends of mutually pivoted structural assemblies. A winch assembly is mounted on the base and receives the other end of the cable wound thereon so that the operation of the winch effects elevating of the platform by winding the cable.

U.S. Patent No. 3,843,115, issued on October 22, 1974 to Di Fulvio et al., describes an elevator apparatus for raising and lowering a platform. A lift mechanism, movable along a path parallel to the platform path, is coupled to the platform through an elongated member pivotally connected to the lift mechanism. The elongated member detachably engages the platform at two points, one on each side of the member, such that the pivoting movement of the member is restricted and that a lifting force can be transmitted therethrough from the lift mechanism to the platform.

U.S. Patent No. 3,785,462, issued on January 15, 1974 to Coad et al., describes a scissor lift having upper and lower platforms which is actuated by a cable reeved so as to pull the ends of the scissor together in its extended position and also reeved about a cam roller interposed between the arms and working toward the pivotal connection during the portion of the motion in which the lift begins to extend.

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